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ICE TRANSITING VESSELS & SHIP EQUIPMENT VISITS

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1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED INFORM MR. MARVIN PITKIN, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, AND DR. RAMUNDO, DOT, THAT EMBASSY JANUARY 28 RECEIVED DUBCHAK/PITKIN LETTER RESPONDING TO LATTER'S LETTER OF DECEMBER 24 WHICH WAS SENT THROUGH OPEN MAIL RATHER THAN THROUGH STATE DEPARTMENT CHANNELS.

2. FOUR-MAN US DELEGATION IN FIELD OF ICE-TRANSITING VESSELS CAN BE RECEIVED FOR TWO-WEEK PERIOD BEGINNING FEBRUARY 22 REPEAT 22, AND NOT ON FEBRUARY 2 AS REQUESTED BY PITKIN. DUBCHAK, IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, SAID THAT PITKIN'S LETTER ONLY RECEIVED JANUARY 19 AND THIS DID NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME TO ORGANIZE VISIT BY FEBRUARY 2.

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3. FOLLOWING PROGRAM PROPOSED BY DUBCHAK:

FEBRUARY 22- ARRIVE MOSCOW, FLY TO LENINGRAD;
FEBRUARY 23A FREE DAY IN LENINGRAD,
FEBRUARY 24/26- FAMILIARIZATION WITH THE WORK OF
THE ARCTIC AND ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE AND DISCUSSION
OF QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN PITKIN'S LETTER;
FEBRUARY 27/28- CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSIONS AT
ARCTIC AND ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE (THESE TWO DAYS WERE
BLANK IN PROGRAM AND, UPON BEING ASKED, DUBCHAK
SAID THAT THE DISCUSSION WOULD BE CONTINUED.
DELEGATION MAY WISH TO MAKE COUNTER PROPOSAL ON
WHAT TO DO DURING THIS PERIOD.);
MARCH 1/3- FAMILIARIZATION WITH OPERATION
OF LENINGRAD PORT, TRIP ON ICEBREAKER, DISCUSSION
OF QUESTIONS OF INTEREST;
MARCH 4/6- VISIT CENTRAL SCIENTIFIC-RESEARCH
INSTITUTE OF THE MINISTRY OF THE MERCHANT MARINE,
DISCUSSION OF PROGRAM FOR FUTURE COOPERATION;
MARCH 7 - DEPART THE USSR FROM MOSCOW.

4. DUBCHAK REQUESTS CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTABILITY
OF ABOVE SUGGESTED TIMING TOGETHER WITH THE COM-
POSITION OF THE US DELEGATION.

5. LETTER BEING POUCHED TO EUR/SOV, REGISTRY 2404188.

6. DUBCHAK HAS PROMISED TO PROVIDE EARLY RESPONSE TO
PITKIN'S LETTER OF DECEMBER 23 REGARDING VISIT
OF SOVIET SHIP EQUIPMENT DELEGATION.
DUBCHAK HAS INDICATED ORALLY THAT THERE MAY
BE PROBLEMS IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED TIMING FOR
THIS VISIT.
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